

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 51

Introduced by Assembly Member Perea

April 12, 2011

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 51—Relative to
Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 51, as introduced, Perea. Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month.
This measure would proclaim the month of May 2011 as
Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a neurological disorder
2 affecting one in every 3,000 births. NF is more prevalent than
3 cystic fibrosis, Duchenne muscular dystrophy, and Huntington's
4 disease combined. NF affects people of all races and ethnic origins,
5 and both sexes equally; and
6 WHEREAS, The Children's Tumor Foundation leads efforts to
7 promote and financially sponsor world-class medical research
8 aimed at finding effective treatments and ultimately a cure for NF.
9 The foundation also works to improve access to quality patient
10 health care and provides patient and family support; and
11 WHEREAS, Much remains to be done in raising public
12 awareness of NF to help promote early diagnosis, proper
13 management and treatment, prevention of complications, and
14 support for research; and

1 WHEREAS, Research has directly linked NF to cancer, brain
2 tumors, memory loss, learning disabilities, heart disease, blindness,
3 deafness, and orthopedic problems; and

4 WHEREAS, Increased public knowledge of NF may bring hope
5 to NF patients and families, and support essential research; and

6 WHEREAS, Since the discovery of the genes causing NF in the
7 1990s, researchers have made progress in understanding NF and
8 creating drugs to combat it; and

9 WHEREAS, The Children's Tumor Foundation is observing
10 May 2011 as Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month to educate the
11 public about this common genetic disorder; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
13 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
14 month of May 2011 as Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month in
15 California; and be it further

16 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
17 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.